is at preliminary stage, no plans on construction of international cargo hub can be spelt out.

Enhancement of eligibility limit for payment of bonus

*394. SHRI C. PERUMAL; Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to enhance the eligibility limit for payment of bonus from three thousand five hundred rupees to a suitable limit;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) Enhancement of the eligibility limit under the Payment of Bonus Act, 1965 from Rs. 3500/- to Rs. 7500/- per month, and the calculation limit from Rs. 2500/- to Rs. 3500/- per month, as recommended by the Second National Commission on Labour (NCL) is being examined by the Ministry of Labour in consultation with all the stakeholders. The financial implication of such a step in respect of the employees of Public Sector Undertakings (both central and State), Central and State Governments and Autonomous Organisations, besides the Private Sector are also being studied by the Ministry of Labour.

Financial Package to Himachal Pradesh

†*395. SHRI SURESH BHARDWAJ:
SHRI SURENDRA LATH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister has announced to give financial package to the State Government of Himachal Pradesh, if so, amount of fund given;

(b) items and schemes for which fund has been released under the said financial package;

(c) whether any special assistance has been given for the annual plan of the State in this financial package, if so, details thereof; and

†Original notice of the the question was received in Hindi.

(d) whether the State has been given funds in addition to those given for annual plan in this financial package and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) Prime Minister, during his visit to Himachal Pradesh on 28.5.2005, announced a number of measures for improving the infrastructure in the State, and providing financial assistance to the State Government. These measures include infrastructure upgradation of three universities, a special project under 'Bharat Nirman' for achieving universal coverage of drinking water by 2007 for 6,000 partially covered habitations, special assistance under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) to cover 410 panchayats, a structural adjustment loan facility and untied special plan assistance for the annual plan 2005-06. Funds would be released under itemised approvals, after the processing of the proposals is completed in the State Government and/or the concerned Ministries of the Union Government.

Complaints of poor crisis management at Delhi Airport

*396. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some passengers whose flights to Mumbai were diverted to Delhi have complained about poor crisis management at the Delhi airport and many of them could not be provided accommodation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to meet the crisis in such a situation at the Delhi airport?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) The CSI Airport, Mumbai had to be close on 26th - 27th July, 2005 due to uprecedented rains at Mumbai. To meet the situation arising out of this closure, a large number of flights to Mumbai had to be either cancelled or diverted to other airports including Delhi. Airlines have reported that they provided accomodation to stranded passengers at Delhi to the extent possible with the limited hotel rooms available.